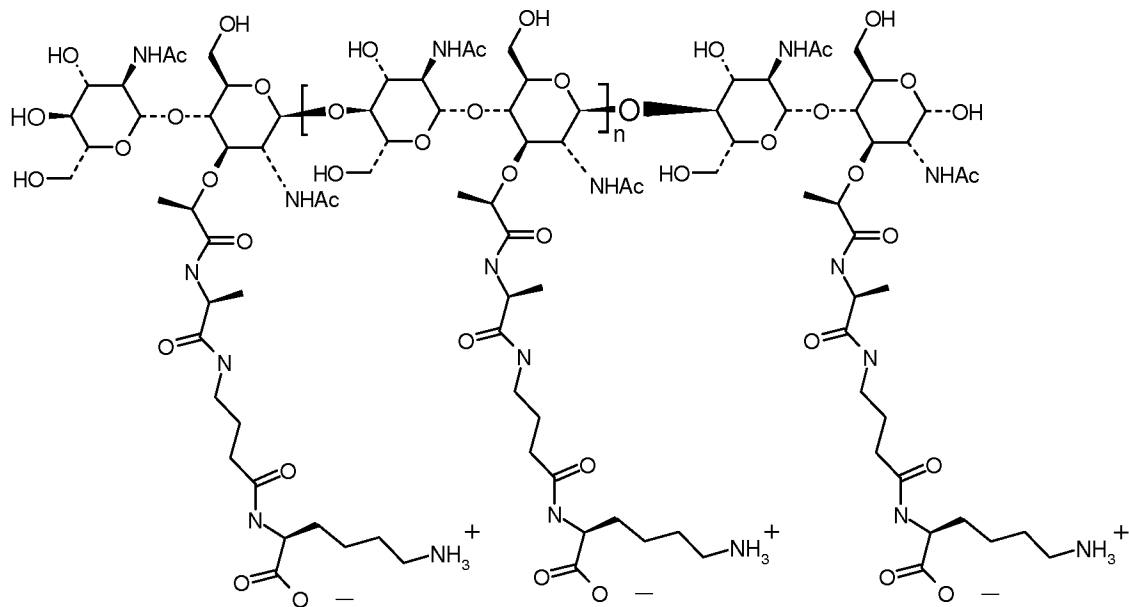


**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5 within the following amended paragraph:

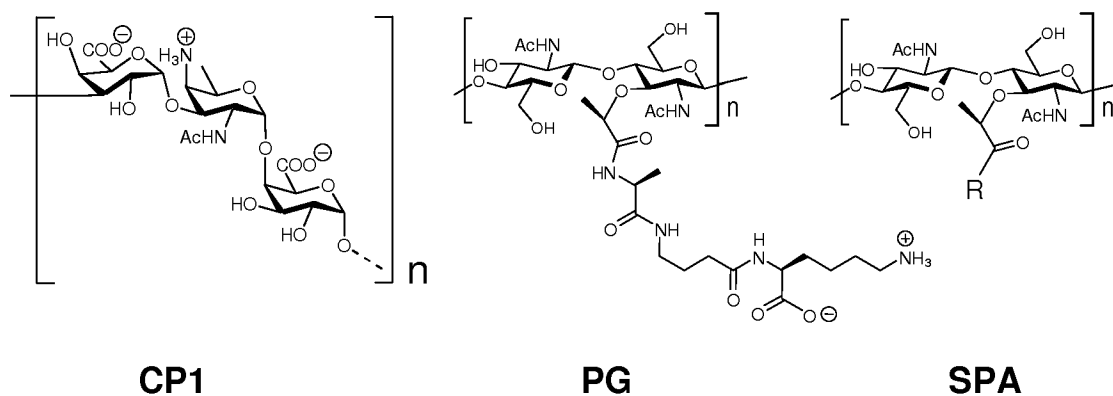
Accordingly, in one aspect, the present invention provides a synthetic polymeric antigen having the structure shown in Formula I:



wherein n is an integral in the range of from about 375 to about 75,  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 2 within the following amended paragraph:

The structures of CP1, synthetic PG (Compound **15**), and a generalized synthetic polymeric antigen (SPA) are shown below:



Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 49, line 1 within the following amended paragraph:

### Synthetic Peptidoglycan

